

Muskogee Cimeter.

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NEW STATE NEWS.

Up to date, the South McAlester base ball team has defeated all opponents.

The federal government has been asked to open a permanent road between Nowata and Bartlesville.

Bartlesville has let a contract for a school building to cost \$17,230, and it is to be ready for occupancy by January 1, 1905.

Buyers are paying from sixty-five to seventy-five cents a bushel for potatoes at Shawnee. The local acreage is more than one-half of what it was last year, and the yield is lighter.

Capitalists from Colorado Springs, Col., are sinking an oil well at Chandler and leasing large tracts of land in Lincoln county.

The contract for the new government building at Guthrie was awarded to Robert Bulke of Hastings, Neb., whose bid of \$69,500 was the lowest received.

George W. Bingham and W. D. Fosssett were selected to represent the territories on the republican committee which is to formally notify Theodore Roosevelt of his nomination for the presidency.

Captain Frank Frantz, who assumes control of the Indian agency July 1st, has selected Ret Millard, formerly assistant postmaster at Oklahoma City, as his chief clerk.

The elevator owned by the Canadian County Mill and Elevator company burned at El Reno last week. The loss is estimated at \$5,000, partially insured. A large quantity of oats and wheat was burned.

Luke Dearin, a lineman in the employ of the South McAlester-Eufaula Telephone company, fell forty feet from a pole and sustained injuries which are considered fatal.

While crawling through a barbed wire fence, near Mangum, during a thunder shower, George W. Mulanax, an old settler, was severely shocked by lightning. He was thought for a time to be in a serious condition, but it is now believed he will recover.

Mr. Hahn, territorial cattle inspector, states that the cattlemen of Woodward and adjoining counties have been given until July 25 to complete the dipping of all cattle in the infected district, to rid cattle of mange. The sheriff of each county has charge of the dipping station.

Ed Escue was tried before the commissioner at Chickasha on the charge of assault with intent to kill Whittle McFadden, colored, at Womack. He was discharged on the complaint, and fined \$25 for assault and battery.

John Brown was bound over to appear before the circuit court in South McAlester this fall on a charge of having killed William McCoy in a fist fight. The amount of his bond was placed at \$2,000. No autopsy was held over the remains of McCoy.

The ninth annual session of the Greer county normal institute is to be held at Olustee beginning July 18 and closing August 13. The two last days will be examination days.

John Dolan, a soldier stationed at Fort Reno, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart.

THE ODD CORNER

The Weaver.
When silver bells ring out the old,
And play the new year in,
A spirit in the winter woods
Softly begins to spin;
No mortal eye has seen her face,
Or watched her labors there,
But crocus buds are in her breast,
And blossoms in her hair.
She weaves, upon her magic loom,
The snowdrop's silver sheen,
The tender tint of April boughs,
The meadow's velvet green;
The lilac and the daffodil
Beneath her fingers grow,
And as she toils from day to day,
About her melts the snow.
So, what if clouds are dark with storm,
And windows white with frost,
And voices of the running brooks
In icy vales are lost;
What if the wondrous northern lights
Their crimson banners fling—
Still Nature in her woodland weaves
The bridal robe of Spring.
—The Smart Set.

The Brooch of Lorn.
In 1306 there took place a battle at Dalry, near Tyndrum, between Robert the Bruce and the MacDougalls of Lorn. The king was very hard pressed, and had to save his life at the cost of his mantle, which, along with the silver brooch that fastened it, was torn from him by the furious pursuers. For generations the brooch was kept by the MacDougalls, both as a trophy gained in fight and as an interesting historical relic. But in the seventeenth century during a raid upon Dunolly Castle, the MacDougalls' stronghold, which was besieged and burned, the brooch was seized with the spoil by Campbell of Bargleann, in whose family it was preserved for two centuries. Then it was acquired by Gen. Campbell of Lochnell, who presented it in 1824 to his friend, Sir John MacDougall. Thus it returned to the custody of the chief of the clan whose ancestors had won it from the Bruce. Now it is safe in the mansion of the MacDougalls, adjoining the time-worn, picturesquely situated castle of Dunolly.

Heating With Ice.
If any one should say to you: "I use ice to keep me warm," you would laugh at the idea; but the big packers who ship so much beef prove every winter that ice is a great help in keeping out the cold. Refrigerator cars are kept cool by having ice and salt packed in each end, but in the winter when these same cars pass through parts of the country where the weather is away below zero, then that same ice and salt are used to keep the car warm. This is because ice is normally about 32 degrees cold, or just at freezing, and it resists getting colder so strongly that in zero weather it acts as a stove that keeps the contents of the refrigerator car from freezing. The shippers apply the same principle by turning the hose on a car when the weather is at zero. The water freezes quickly and gives the car a novel overcoat of ice, through which zero cannot penetrate. Meantime the air inside that is a little above freezing is kept so.

Smallest Book in the World.
The smallest book in the world is Schloss's "English Bijou Almanac for 1839." Diminutive as it is, there are illustrations in it. On its pages are portraits of Princess Victoria, her royal highness the Duchess of Kent, Lady Blessington Wellington, Sir Thomas Lawrence, Pasta, and Beethoven. To each picture is appended a short poem. Then follows the calendar. Inside the cover is the inscription: "Anna East: Her Book." The small proportions of the volume will be realized when it is seen side by side with a thimble, as



in the illustration. It is three-eighths of an inch wide by one-half an inch high.

A Nonpuncturable Tire.
There has been a growing demand from all owners and operators of non-puncturable tire. Solid tires have been used to some extent, but they have never shown the desirable resilient qualities. Now comes a French company claiming to have automobiles and motor cars for a solved the problem with a tire, a cross section of which is shown in the illustration. The advantages claimed for it are: Nonliability to puncture, great cushion ability owing to its hollow construction, nonliability to side-slip owing to its flat tread, absolute security, as it can not be twisted out of the rim. English motorists are now giving it a trial along the country roads in their island.



Novelty in Advertising.
A novel way of introducing a new article has been discovered in London. A number of men who suggest by their apparel that they are grooms, valets or servants of some kind are sent about the shops to buy the article which is being boomed. They insist upon having this particular article and no other, rejecting any substitute which may be offered them.

In many cases the tradesman has not the article in question, but is sure to lay in a stock when a few days later a drummer waits upon him with the article in question. As the men are selected with a view to give the impression that their employers are wealthy, the shopkeeper naturally thinks that the article will bring him the patronage of a class he is anxious to please.

Crabs That Eat Cocoanuts.
Crabs which live upon cocoanuts which they pick for themselves are found in the Coral islands. Nature has provided this crustacean with claws and nippers of enormous strength, and it is supposed that the crab climbs the cocoa palms and detaches the nuts. It reaches the mat of the fruit by picking and rapping with its claws at the end of the nut where the three small holes are to be found till a slight breach is made. Then the nippers are brought into use for the rough fibers which surround the shell. These he shreds with his nippers and conveys to his burrows, where they form a comfortable bed for the crab while he is changing his coat. Some of these crabs attain a length of over two feet, and live in holes which they have made in the earth at the roots of tropical trees.

Find Worth Having.
Lewis Shoro, of Forestdale, Vt., recently purchased an old building belonging to the estate of Arthur Gibson, near Brandon. Mr. Shoro had it torn down, and in building a barn with the lumber a plank that had been carelessly used for staging attracted Mr. Shoro's attention and he discovered that a hole in the end of it contained a tin box which was found to contain \$1,200 in government bonds, besides all of Mr. Gibson's valuable papers. Some of the papers were dated 1880 and it is thought that they have been there since that year.

Mammoth Organ in Maine Church.
The Universalist church at Portland, Me., has a mammoth organ. In it are over 5,000 pipes, the smallest, a piccolo, being half an inch long, and the largest a double open diapason, or 32-foot C pipe. The vox humana stop alone, having 61 pipes, cost \$600. The four pipe rooms are each as large as an ordinary bed chamber. The organ was voiced by J. H. Brown, who voiced the organ at Westminster abbey. The organ is blown by a three horse power electric motor.

A REASON FOR SICKNESS.



Healthy kidneys take from the blood every 24 hours 500 grains of impure, poisonous matter—more than enough to cause death. Weakened kidneys leave this waste in the blood, and you are soon sick. To get well, cure the kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills, the great kidney specific.

Mrs. J. H. Bowles of 118 Core St., Durham, N. C., says: "I was sick and bedfast for over nine months, and the doctor who attended me said unless I submitted to an operation for gravel I would never be well. I would not consent to that and so continued to suffer. My back was so weak I could not stand or walk, and it aches constantly. The first day after I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I felt relief, and in a short time I was up and around the same as ever, free from backache."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mrs. Bowles will be mailed to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sold by all dealers; price 50 cents per box.

Libelous Story From New York.
Over in Boston little 8-year-old Jimmy Spry surprised his school teacher with this outburst of confidence: "Teacher, my mother is away; been away for two weeks; I was out to dinner last night; goin' out to dinner to night—goin' where I please on Sunday; hain't had a bat for two weeks." —Life.

A NEW ENTERPRISE.
The Grand Trunk Railway System have opened a new City Ticket Office at 308 North Broadway, St. Louis, and are now operating through car service daily between St. Louis, Montreal and Toronto in connection with the Illinois Central R. R. This arrangement will afford excellent service to passengers taking advantage of the low excursion fares to points in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia that are on sale at the present time from St. Louis and Kansas City.
GEO. W. VAUX, A. G. P. & T. A.,
135 Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

After a long experiment by bacteriologists in their employ, an incorporated firm of wholesale chemists of Philadelphia has sent agents to Texas with instructions to obtain all the bee stingers they can for treatment of rheumatism cases. An order for 50,000 stingers was placed with one bee farmer in that state.

More Flexible and Lasting.
won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand, and one-third more for same money.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in ½-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

A Little Shy
Of course, there are fewer marriages than usual this year. The girls don't want everybody to think that they did the proposing.—Somer ville Journal.